GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Servants – Public Servants – Revenue Department- Initiation of Departmental Proceedings against Smt. Y. Mercy Kumari, the then Tahsildar, C.S. Puram Mandal, Prakasam District (now Retd.) – Articles of Charges - Issued.

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REVENUE (VIGILANCE-V) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 1512 Dated: 01-12-2025

Read:

1. From the DG., ACB Lr. RC. No. 99/RCT-NPK/2017, Dt. 14.06.2023
2. G.O.Ms.No.451, Revenue (Vig.V) Department, Dated: 01-12-2025.

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O R D E R:

In pursuance of the sanction accorded by the Government under sub-clause (i) of clause (b) of sub-rule (2) of Rule 9 of the A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980 for instituting departmental proceedings against Smt. Y. Mercy Kumari, the then Tahsildar, C.S. Puram Mandal, Prakasam District (now Retd.), vide G.O. read above, it is proposed to hold an enquiry against Smt. Y. Mercy Kumari, the then Tahsildar, C.S. Puram Mandal, Prakasam District (now Retd.) in accordance with the procedure laid down in Rule 20 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (classification, control and Appeal) Rules.

2. The substance of the imputation of misconduct or misbehaviour in respect of which the inquiry is proposed to be held is set out in the enclosed statement of articles of charge (Annexure-I) and a statement of imputations of misconduct or misbehaviour in support of each article of charge is enclosed (Annexure-II). A list of documents by which and a list of witnesses by whom the articles of charge are proposed to be sustained are also enclosed (Annexure-III and IV).

3. Smt. Y. Mercy Kumari, the then Tahsildar, C.S. Puram Mandal, Prakasam District (now Retd.) is directed to submit her written statement of his defence, within seven days of the receipt of this Order.

4. Smt. Y. Mercy Kumari, the then Tahsildar, C.S. Puram Mandal, Prakasam District (now Retd.) is informed that an inquiry will be held only in respect of those articles of charge as are not admitted. She should, therefore, specifically admit or deny each article of charge.

5. Smt. Y. Mercy Kumari, the then Tahsildar, C.S. Puram Mandal, Prakasam District (now Retd.) is further informed that if she does not submit her written statement of defence on or before the date specified in para 3 above, further action will be processed based on the material available.

6. Attention of Smt. Y. Mercy Kumari, the then Tahsildar, C.S. Puram Mandal, Prakasam District (now Retd.) is invited to Rule 24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964 under which no Government servant shall bring or attempt to bring any political or outside influence to bear upon any superior authority to further her interests in respect of matters pertaining to her service under Government. If any representation is received on her behalf from another person in respect of any matter dealt with in these proceedings, it will be presumed that she is aware of such a representation and that it has been made at her instance and action will be taken against her for violation of Rule 24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

7. The receipt of this order may be acknowledged.

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SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (FAC)

To

Smt. Y. Mercy Kumari, the then Tahsildar, C.S. Puram Mandal, Prakasam District (now Retd.)
(Through the Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, A.P., Mangalagiri)
(with a request to serve the order on the individual and send the served copy with dated signature to Government).

The Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, AP, Mangalagiri

Copy to:

The Collector & District Magistrate, Prakasam District, Ongole
The Director General, Anti-Corruption Bureau, AP, Vijayawada.
The Secretary to Vigilance Commissioner, APVC, AP Secretariat
SF/SC

//FORWARDED:: BY ORDER//

SECTION OFFICER

ANNEXURE-I

STATEMENT OF ARTICLE OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SMT. YARAMALA MERCY KUMARI, TAHSILDAR (RETD), PREVIOUSLY TAHSILDAR, CHANDRASEKHARAPURAM (C.S. PURAM) FAC PAMUR MANDAL, PRAKASAM DISTRICT

That Smt. Yermala Mercy Kumari, Tahsildar (Retd) while functioning as Tahsildar, C.S. Puram, Prakasam District earlier during the period from 16.08.2010 to 30-09-2017 committed grave misconduct inasmuch as.

The Government Servant Smt. Yermala Mercy Kumari, Tahsildar, VROs working under her control, she exhibited gross negligence of duties and slack supervision over her sub-ordinates and failed to maintain office records properly and thereby violated Rule 3(5) of APCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

Thus Smt. Yeramala Mercy Kumari by her above mentioned acts has exhibited l a c k o f integrity, devotion t o d u t y, conduct unbecoming of a Government Servant besides failing to exercise proper control over the sub-ordinates working under her control and thereby contravened Rule 3 (1), (2) & (5) of A.P. Civil Services (Conduct) Rules 1964, r/w Rule 9(2)(b) of AP Revised (Pension) Rules, 1980.

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ANNEXURE-II

STATEMENT OF IMPUTATIONS OF MISCONDUCT OR MISBEHAVIOUR IN SUPPORT OF THE ARTICLE OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST YARAMALA MERCY KUMARI, TAHSILDAR (RETD), PREVIOUSLY TAHSILDAR, CHANDRASEKHARAPURAM (C.S. PURAM) FAC PAMUR MANDAL, PRAKASAM DISTRICT

Smt. Yeramala Mercy Kumari, Tahsildar (Retd) is a native of Ongole Town. Her d a t e of birth is 02.09. 1957. She joined Govt. Service on 16.11.1984 and she worked as Tahsildar, C.S. Puram Mandal earlier from 16.08.2016 to 30.09.2017. She is here-in-after referred to as Government Servant (Retd).

Article of Charge:

The Government Servant Smt. Yermala Mercy Kumari, Tahsildar, C.S. Puram, Prakasam District failed to supervise the functioning of the VROs working under her control, she exhibited gross negligence of duties and slack supervision over her sub-ordinates and failed to maintain office records properly and thereby violated Rule 3(5) of APCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

FACTS AND EVIDENCE

On the strength of the report of Sri Ambala Kishore, S/o Reddy, Age 37 yrs, Kanigiri Nagara Panchayat, Prakasam District On 27.06.2017 at 8.30 AM, a case in Cr.No.5/RCT-OGL/ 2017 of ACB, Prakasam district was registered against Sri Kondabathina Bramhaiah, S/o Jalaiah, age 48-yrs, SC Mala, Village Revenue Officer, Musunuru Village, Chandrasekhar Puram @ C.S. Puram Mandal, Prakasam District R / o Akulaveedhi, Pamur (Village & Mandal), Prakasam District, for bribe amount of Rs. 15,000/ - from the complainant for doing a favour of processing the applications of the complainant and his mother Smt. Ambala Lakshmi for mutation and e-pattadar passbooks/Title deeds with regard to the lands registered in their names at Munusuru (V) of C.S. Puram mandal and to handover the e-pattadar

passbooks/Title deeds to the Complainant after their receipt from Chennai after Printing. On the same day i.e., on 27.06,2017, a trap was laid and the accused VRO Sri Kondabathina Bramhaiah was caught red-handed by ACB while demanding and accepting the bribe amount of Rs. 15,000/- from complainant in O/o the Tahsildar, C.S. Puram.

On 27.06.2017, during the post trap proceedings, the accused VRO Sri Kondabathina Bramhaiah stated that the bribe amount would be shared by the staff O/o the Tahsildar, C.S. Puram including the Tahsildar. Further, during the post-trap proceedings, the Government servant Smt. Yerarnala Mercy Kumari stated before the DSP and mediators that, after the Tahsildar approves any file pertaining to issuance of e-pattadar pass books to the applicant, the data entry operator uploads the information regarding the particulars of the lands held by the applicant in Web land site in her presence which will go on-line to Madras Security Printers, Pvt. Limited, Chennai. The said agency will prepare the e-Pattadar Pass book and sends the same either to the postal address of the applicant directly or to the Tahsildar Office concerned through Post. Upon receipt of e-Pattadar Pass Books from Chennai, the Deputy Tahsildar will hand over the Pattadar Pass Books to the VROs concerned. The VROs concerned has to handover the e-pattadar pass books to the applicants by obtaining their signature in the Form-17 Register. The Government servant further stated that, though they were ought to do, they have not been maintaining any register in O/o Tahsildar C.S. Puram to note the receipt of applications for e-pattadar pass books/title deeds in which they have to obtain the signature of the VRO to whom the application was endorsed for verification.

Further, when the DSP then questioned the Government servant as to why their office rejected the applications of the complainant and his mother which were applied during March 2017 for e-pattadar pass books/ title deeds, she stated that due to the discrepancies in the extent of cultivable and non-cultivable land. The Government servant failed to produce the original applications of the applicant and his mother put up during March 2017.

On the instructions of DSP, the Data Entry Operator Sri Y. Narendra had retrieved copies of the applications and their enclosures of the complainant and his mother which were put up during March 2017 from the computer and produced the same before the DSP. On perusal of the applications the status was shown to be rejected without assigning any reasons. When the DSP questioned the government servant about the misplacement of earlier applications of the complainant and his mother put up in March 2017 and the reasons for rejecting the same, she failed to give a satisfactory account.

The above circumstances reveal that the Government servant failed supervise the functioning of the VROs working under her control, failed to ensure proper custody of the applications for e-pattadar pass books, failed to assign proper reasons for rejecting the applications for e-pattadar pass books and failed to ensure proper maintenance of the files/records in the Tahsildar office.

Thus Smt. Yeramala Mercy Kumari by her above-mentioned acts has exhibited lack of integrity, devotion to duty, conduct unbecoming of a Government Servant besides failing to exercise proper control over the sub-ordinates working under her control and thereby contravened Rule 3 (1), (2) 8s (5) of A.P. Civil Services (Conduct) Rules 1964, r/w Rule 9(2)(b) of AP Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

In the light of above facts, the Government Servant is therefore rendered her liable for departmental action for major penalty.

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ANNEXURE-III

LIST OF WITNESSES

1. Sri Ambala Kishore, S/o Ramachandra Reddy, Age 37 yrs, Kanigiri Nagara Panchayat, Prakasam District (Complainant)
2. tart Pulivarthi Narayanaswamy, S/o Kondaiah, Age 29-yrs, Kothapalli Village, Pedacherlopalli @ P.C. Palli Mandal, Prakasam District (Friend of Complainant).
3. Sri Yerla Narendra, S/o Venkata Narayana, Age 23-yrs, Private Data Entry Operator, O/o Tahsildar, C.S. Puram.
4. Sri Makkeria Ramesh, S/o Hanumantha Rao, Age 44-yrs, Assistant Engineer, O/o EE., PIU Division, Ongole, R/o Sri Anjaneya Enclave, Flat No.401, Abhyudayanagar, Adddanki.
5. Sri Myla Jayarao, S/o Elia, Age 36-yrs, Sr. Asst., O/o SE., PR, Ongole. R/o 4th Lane Bhaghyanagar, back side of Krishna Memorial School, Ongole.
6. Sri T. Prabhakar, formerly DSP, ACB, Prakasam Dist., Ongole.
7. Sri T. Sanjeevi kumar, formerly Inspector, ACB, Prakasam Dist., Ongole.
8. Any other witnesses found relevant will be produced during the enquiry.

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LIST OF RECORDS

1. F.I.R. in Cr.No.5/RCT-OGL/2017 dt.27.06.2017

2. Mediators Report-II, dt.27.06.2017

3. Copy of Official favour pending file containing the applications of the Complainant and his mother and other connected documents.

4. Any documents found relevant will be produced during the enquiry.

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